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TERMS REJECTED

CONSTANTINOPLE WAR PARTY
MAKES COUNTER PROPOSALS—
EAGER TO RESUME FIGHTING.

TO INSIST ON ADRIANOPOLE

Counter Proposal by Turkey Contains
Concessions Far Below Demands
of Enemy—Belief That Greek Fleet
Cannot Defeat Ottoman Navy.

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—The Ottoman cabinet considered the demands of the allies as formulated at the peace conference in London and afterwards telegraphed to Reza Pasha the chief Turkish delegate in London, the Porte's counter proposals coupled with fresh instructions.

It is reported that the counter proposals contain concessions as far below the demands of the Balkan league as the demands of the latter are above Turkey's idea of an adequate arrangement and it is assumed that they will be met by fresh proposals from the allies, abating something of the first claims.

Moderate Turkish politicians are inclined to think that such an exchange of proposals will eventually lead to a peaceful agreement with, among other things, a frontier line considerably further from Constantinople than the proposed frontier from Rodosto to Adria. The present demands of the Balkan league are scouted by the young Turks as being arrogant and impossible. They prefer the immediate renewal of the war to the consideration of anything so humiliating.

The war party, indeed, is eager to continue the war in any case, believing that the events of the past few days have already put the trump in Turkey's hands.

This belief of the members of the war party is strengthened by the conviction that the Greek fleet, with which Turkey's warships fought several engagements, was overpowered as it was unable either to blockade the coast or to defeat the Ottoman navy.

The newspapers unanimously oppose the conditions outlined by the allies and say that Turkey sent delegates to London to arrange peace and not to consult soldiers. Such concessions as the allies are putting forward, they say, will lead only to a renewal of the war.

The abandonment of Adrianople by Turkey, the papers declare, is unthinkable.

GANG TAKES MANY AUTOS

Thefts Have Grown to Such Extent
That Insurance Rates Rise
in New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—More than \$1,000,000 worth of automobiles have been stolen in New York city in the last five years. Fewer than half of these have been recovered and the situation is growing so convoluted that insurance companies which have been obliged to stand the loss have hired private detective agencies to apprehend the bands of thieves.

The police, according to a representative of a majority of the insurance concerns, have been powerless to stop the depredations. Numerous arrests have been made but a remarkably small number of convictions secured. Unless some means are devised to end the traffic some insurance rates will take a big jump. Only the keen competition among the firms of companies which now do that sort of business has prevented such a rate increase already.

"JIMMIE ALBERT" DEAD

J. A. Cathcart Was Once America's
Champion Long-Distance
Walker.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 27.—James A. Cathcart, at one time a famous walker, but recently engaged in the real estate business here, was found dead in his boat in Great Bay. Cathcart, who was formerly known as "Jimmie Albert," went gunning and fishing to be gone two days. A fishing party found him lying face down in the water in the bottom of his boat. The body was removed to his boat house in Venice Park.

"Jimmie Albert" was at one time the greatest long distance pedestrian in the United States. In the late 80's he won several silyday races, and with the money from these he invested heavily in Atlantic City real estate.

SENTENCED TO CHURCH

Fifty Taken in Vice Raids in Cincinnati Escape Fines to Hear Sermons.

GEN. LUIS MENA



General Luis Mena, leader of the recent rebellion in Nicaragua, was detained by United States officials in Panama after his surrender, and is to testify before the United States Senate committee which is investigating the acts of Americans in connection with the insurrection.

LANGFORD STOPS MVEY

Boston Tar Baby Finally Knocks
Out His Old Rival in Australian Ring.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Sam Langford, Boston's "Tar Baby," knocked out Sam McVey, another negro heavyweight, in the thirteenth round of the most terrific heavyweight battle seen in Australia, for many years. McVey was outclassed from the start, but put up a very game battle. Langford hammered McVey up against the ropes, battered down his guard, and pumped lefts and rights to the face and jaw until McVey fell exhausted.

McVey and Langford were very close enemies. McVey was champion of Australia and Langford champion of England, though both are Americans. The battle was the sixth in which these men met. Five were fought in Australia and one in Paris. Langford won four times, was beaten once and on the other occasion was awarded a draw.

Langford now will come back to this country to make Jack Johnson fight or quit. The Paris promoters have offered Johnson \$30,000 to box the Tar Baby in France and Langford recently rebuffed his acceptance.

BLEASE FREES 76 CONVICTS

Governor of South Carolina Carries
His Total Pardon Record
Above 900.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 26.—Pardons and paroles for seventy-six convicts and commutations of sentences for three constituted Gov. Blease's clemency record for Christmas Eve. Seventy-five prisoners, their crimes dating from murder to violation of the dispensary law, were set free from the South Carolina Penitentiary and county jails. Gov. Blease established a record for the State, so far as is known. The day's list of recipients of executive clemency is more than twice that for any previous day. Gov. Blease's day before last Thanksgiving Day acted in favor of thirty-two prisoners.

Both opened fire upon Nichols. Nichols returned the fire and killed the boy with a bullet through the heart. The father and the other continued shooting until the elder Henley finally surrendered.

BOY SPECULATOR A SUICIDE

Youth Who Lost in Stocks Kills Himself
in His Boarding House
in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Charles H. Dirkes, 17 years old, son of a fur dealer, now in Chelsea, Alaska, shot himself in a room in a boarding place in Newton, and died a short time afterward. The boy said to have been speculating in stocks recently and to have lost considerable money. He had been dependent during the past week and his actions so alarmed the woman with whom he boarded that she sent word to the police.

A policeman was sent to the house and after a talk with Dirkes left him feeling apparently more cheerful. Hardly had the policeman left the room before a shot was heard and young Dirkes was found unconscious.

DOORSILL A DEATH TRAP

Charged with Electricity, It Kills a
A. H. Gray of Pawnee, La.,
Who Steps on It.

Alexandria, La., Dec. 27.—Despite a warning not to enter a saloon, A. H. Gray, of Pawnee, La., stepped on the steel doorsill and was instantly killed.

A heavy charged electric wire had fallen on the building in which the saloon was located, charging the metal coping and steel front connected with the doorplate. Repair men had admonished Gray not to enter.

WELCOME WILSON

PRESIDENT-ELECT SLEEPS IN HIS
FATHER'S MANSE, IN ROOM
WHERE HE WAS BORN.

BONFIRES IN HIS HONOR

Gov. Mann Meets Him—Church Bells
Ring Out Welcome While Band
Plays "Home, Sweet Home"—Fire-
works in Streets of Birth Place.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 28.—Virginia, mother of Presidents, welcomed her most distinguished living son, Woodrow Wilson, the eighth Chief Executive born in the Commonwealth which gave to the Nation Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Tyler and Taylor. From the time he crossed the Potomac River until he reached Staunton, his birthplace, his coming was heralded by bonfires.

A great arch with the words "Welcome Home" outlined in incandescent bulbs formed the gateway through which the parade of Staunton welcomed home their distinguished native son.

When Gov. Wilson stepped from the train his face, which had been drawn from a two days illness, lighted up happily, and from the throats of the crowd that packed along the route the strains of the "Home, Sweet Home" were heard. Bands played and bells rang everywhere. Bonfires blazed and bonfires blazed everywhere there were happy faces.

Arrived at the manse the Governor times before he and Mrs. Wilson went inside. The band of the Stone Mountain Brigade was playing "Home, Sweet Home," but as the door closed they struck into "Dixie" and the crowd let go with its final cheer.

The President-elect and Mrs. Wilson were met at the door by the Rev. A. H. Fraser, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, that of which the Rev. Joseph E. Wilson was pastor in 1856, when the eighth Virginia to be chosen Chief Magistrate of the Nation was born.

Mrs. Wilson and her son were guided to the large square room in the south-east corner of the house where the new President had his first day of life.

They looked about the room reverently. And when they had removed the heavy wraps which had guarded them from the chill night Virginia air, they sat down before the old-fashioned Southern fireplace where the mother of the new President had rocked him to sleep for the two years the family remained in the old home after his birth.

Among those who accompanied the President-elect and Mrs. Wilson were William F. McCombs, Walter L. McCormick, President of the Southern Society of New York, Representative William A. Jones and John J. Kindred of Virginia, St. George Brooks Tucker, George M. Lamont, Lathrop Brown, Representative-elect from the First New York District, Senator Howard R. Bayne, George Gordon Battle, Stuart G. Gibbons, William De H. Washington, Lynch Pendegast and Col. Robert H. Lee, Jr., grandson of the Confederate general.

At Charlottesville, Gov. William Hodges Mann of Virginia, who accompanied the special train to extend an official welcome to the President-elect.

BOY OF 15 KILLED IN HOLDUP

With His Father He Forced a Merchant to Write a Check
for \$500.

Grand Junction, Col., Dec. 28.—Joseph Hensley, 15 years old, is dead and his father, J. D. Hensley, is in jail as the result of a holdup in which the father and son got \$500 from J. E. Quaker, manager of the Loma canning factory. The two held him with a revolver and a shotgun for two hours.

The boy was killed by Deputy Sheriff Nicholas after a running battle. The father surrendered when his son was killed.

Hensley and his son entered the factory office and put the revolver to Manager Quaker's head.

Hensley marched Quaker across the crowded street to the lumber office where he wrote out a check for \$500. A score of men and women looked on, then telephoned to officers. When the father and son came out Deputy Nichols, who had just arrived, told them to surrender.

Both opened fire upon Nichols. Nichols returned the fire and killed the boy with a bullet through the heart. The father and the other continued shooting until the elder Hensley finally surrendered.

Girl of 18 Kills Herself.
Ashbury Park, N. J., Dec. 27.—Miss Elvona Lucille Walker, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Lee, Jr., committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

SULTAN OF PERAK



The Sultan of Perak has taken the train for the Federated Malay states of a first-class armored ship for the British navy, which has been accepted by the government.

NEW HAVEN ROAD WILL SELL

President Melch Announces Divorce
of New England Rail
and Water Carriers.

New Haven, Dec. 26.—President Charles S. Melch of the New Haven road announces that every steamboat owned by the company will be sold during 1913 and the sale will be a bona fide transaction by which the road will rid itself of every piece of floating stock except as used directly in connection with the railroad business.

There will be no transfer of these properties to a holding company practically owned and controlled by the New Haven system.

Mr. Melch declined to make any comment on the report of Luther Conant, Jr., commissioner of corporations, who charged his report to President Melch of the New Haven road that the New Haven had been a policy of "consolidation" and "trusts."

None of these steamer lines, he said, will be selling propositions. If they are operated independent of the railroad, but can be made profitable in cooperation with the railroad and might also serve the railroad as a relief for congestion in its freight business.

TURRIALBA RUNS AGROUND

United Fruit Co. Steamship, with
Fifty-seven Passengers, Strands
on Brigantine Shoals.

New York, Dec. 26.—All of the fifty-seven passengers and sixteen crew members of the United Fruit liner Turrialba, which stranded in a storm on Brigantine Shoals, about nine miles north of Atlantic City, were landed safely in this city. The crew of seamen, numbering sixty-four, was left on board. The derelict destroyer Seneca, which put out of this port in the special train to extend an official welcome to the President-elect, was on board. The crew of seamen, numbering sixty-four, was left on board. The derelict destroyer Seneca, which put out of this port in the special train to extend an official welcome to the President-elect, was on board.

MILITANTS ATTACK RAILWAY

Tamper with Train Signals at Potter's
Bar on the Great Northern
Road.

London, Dec. 27.—Following up their hitherto comparatively harmless campaign against letter boxes, fire alarms and telephone wires, the suffragettes are apparently adopting a new form of militancy, which, it is believed, will seriously threaten the public safety.

They have been interfering with the signal wires at Potter's Bar on the Great Northern Railway. The wires were found tied together with a rope, to which was attached a letter pleading for votes for women. The discovery was made before any damage was done.

LOEB TO JOIN GUGGENHEIMS

Collector of the Port of New York
Will Be Employed by the
Mining Family.

New York, Dec. 26.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, will go to work for the Guggenheims early in 1913. His friends said that he will leave the custom house before March, when his place will fall open to a Democratic appointee.

Mr. Loeb is in Albany, where he spent Christmas with the relatives of Mrs. Loeb. It was said that his job with the Guggenheims will keep him in New York and that his work will be of an administrative character.

DREAM CAUSES DEATH

Saw Her Stepdaughter Die of Poison
and Dreamed She Died the
Same Way.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Mrs. K. E. Cleveland, wife of a Burlington railway official, died here of hemorrhage of the brain brought on by a dream that she had been poisoned.

Mrs. Cleveland's stepdaughter died in convulsions two weeks ago after a long illness. On the night following the funeral Mrs. Cleveland dreamed that she had died just as her stepdaughter. She was seized with cerebral hemorrhage and soon became unconscious.

RECTOR RESIGNS

DR. A. G. MORTIMER, BACHELOR,
ORATOR AND PROLIFIC WRITER,
LEAVES THE PULPIT.

PARISH GOSSIP THE CAUSE

"Failed to Live Up to That Which He
Taught," Says Warden of St.
Mark's, Philadelphia—Action
Follows His Conference with Bishop.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Following a two-hour secret conference with his Bishop, based in part upon parish gossip in which the name of a woman was mentioned, the Rev. Dr. Alfred Garrett Mortimer, sixty-four, popular bachelor, Episcopal orator, leader of the St. Mark's Church party and noted and prolific writer on Christian doctrine, is suddenly and unexpectedly out of the rectorship of St. Mark's, P. E. Church, where he has been since 1891. Asceticism was one of his favorite preachments.

The resignation, asked for by Bishop William Rhinelander and promptly forthcoming, was acted upon with no less alacrity by the official board of St. Mark's, and Dr. Mortimer is no longer a priest of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Mortimer has given no reason for his resignation from the church, one of the most important in the diocese. His health and advancing age were given by church officials as reasons for the step.

The sudden event caused a stir in church circles. St. Mark's is one of the wealthiest parishes in the city and has many society people among its communicants. Dr. Mortimer was beloved by his parishioners.

Bishop Rhinelander issued this statement: "It is a fact that Dr. Mortimer has withdrawn from the work of his ministry. This action, however, was not the result of any trouble between him and his vestry, nor in consequence of any request on their part for his resignation."

"It followed upon a conference between himself and me, in which personal matters of serious moment were considered by us. After the most careful reflection I counseled him to resign, which he did after a long and anxious struggle. As he is in effect placing himself in my hands, I think I ought not to discuss the matter further."

Dr. Mortimer was born in Piccadilly, London, and was a Church of England curate until 1877, when he went to St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia. He was rector of St. Mark's Church, Camden, N. J., from 1880 to 1891, and then came to St. Mark's. He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society. Among his books are "Laws of Personality," "Life and Its Problems," "The Chief Virtues of Man" and "The Ascents of the Soul."

WARNED WALDO OF GRAFT

Sure of No One at New York Police
Headquarters, Was Reply,
Witness Says.

New York, Dec. 28.—As Commissioner of Accounts Raymond B. Fossick told the Curran Aldermanic committee that he had warned Police Commissioner as far back as last January that the Police Department was to be concerned in police graft, the Commissioner, Mr. Fossick said, declared he was sure of no one in the Police Department, but that under the system he had devised it was impossible for anybody to graft without detection.

Mr. Fossick also told of his attempts to run down police grafting and of the shadowing of his investigators by men described as "Inspector Lahey's men."

TEXTILE WORKERS HEARD

Little Falls Strikers' Complaints Be-
fore the State Board of
Mediation.

Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The State Board of Mediation began public hearings on the strike of the textile workers in this city.

Mary Sroka, 30 years old, the first witness, said that some weeks ago she made only \$3 and other weeks as low as \$2.50. She paid \$3 a month for sleeping room. Two other girls sleep with her.

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N. H., a former resident of Meredith
was a visitor in town this week.

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Maxwell were among the number
that took in the excursion to Quebec
P. Q. on Tuesday and Wednesday
of this week.

Edward A. Paul Jr., son of Mr.
and Mrs. E. A. Paul, Sunny Side
Farm, has been a student at New
Hampshire College, Durham, this
fall and winter and made a credit-
able record in his studies. As a
result he has received two offers for
next summer that are exceedingly
flattering. One at Oxford as assist-
ant foreman on an fifteen hundred
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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hanville were
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George Hardy, Shirley Bickford
and Guy Cram all clearing the pasture
at Quincy lower farm.

Mrs. Will Rutter visited her moth-
er on Moultonboro Neck Sunday.
Frank Pierce and Miss M. E.
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Boston—H. J. Horn, operating vice president of the New Haven and the Boston & Maine railroads, testifying before Chairman Chas. A. Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission at the Federal building, said that there was no question among the supervisory officers of the two railroads as to the desirability of improving the freight service on these two roads.

Chairman Prouty told Mr. Horn that he saw no excuse for the admitted fact that four out of every 10 packages of freight handled on the system go astray to the extent of being misrouted for several days.

Mr. Horn was testifying as to his efforts to improve the locomotive service on the Boston & Maine. Chairman Prouty had asked him how many Boston & Maine engines were being "scrapped" or discarded. Mr. Horn, in answer, said that he would scrap Boston & Maine engines as fast as the Interstate Commerce Commission would finance the acquisition of substitutes.

"We're not financing anything, Mr. Horn," replied the chairman. "What I want to know is how many engines you are sending to the scrap heap."

Mr. Horn said that he had sent 90 Boston & Maine locomotives to the scrap heap in the last year. He was sending them there now at the rate of five every month.

Chairman Prouty made other criticisms of the management. After hearing testimony that M. L. T. students had made investigations of freight terminal connection in Boston, the chairman told Mr. Horn that management itself should make such investigations.

"It doesn't do any harm to have these boys do such work, and probably they enjoy it," observed the chairman, "but you ought to follow these things down your own lines, and you don't want the trouble to be put off. If they arise from incompetent help, you can stop them, even if you have to pay your employees more money."

Prof. Harold Pender of Tech told of the investigation by students at his institution. After talking with the students, the institute chose a man to continue these investigations. This man is being paid by the railroad companies and his work is not yet finished.

Mr. Pender said that the investigation showed that the greater part of the freight delivered by the railroads and the greater number of wagons calling for freight arrived at the terminals between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, or between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning. This, of course, was a handicap to the railroad companies.

Mr. Pender's testimony included the statement that teamsters calling for freight spent 21 percent of their time searching for their goods. He said that he was now at work on the problem of solving this slow delivery and that it had been suggested that a scheme of employing motor trucks to get freight to and from terminals be employed. This motor truck scheme might include operation by a private company or by the railroads themselves. Such a plan, he believed, would bring about a reduction in the cost of handling the freight at terminals and would speed up the service.

Vice president Buckland, who is acting as counsel for the railroad companies at the point, asserted that the companies were not interested in the problem of extending terminals to handle the freight and receivers to handle the freight more promptly.

Mr. Horn gave the average scheduled speed of freight trains on the Boston & Maine and the New Haven as ten miles an hour for Boston and five miles an hour for New Haven.

State Grange for Woman Suffrage. Portland, Me.—A resolution endorsing equal suffrage for women was recommended that the Legislature next month submit to the people a constitutional amendment providing for the same, was adopted by the Maine State Grange in annual session last week.

Reports of officers showed a total membership of 57,764, or nearly a member for each of the 100,000 families in the state. There were 494 granges of which the grange at Houlton is the largest with 1085 members. Over 25,000 have taken the Pomona or fifth degree.

Cuts Throat With Razor. Haverhill.—Thomas McGrath, a steamfitter, was injured on a street in Cedar street, where he was bleeding from his mouth. His employer thought he was suffering from a hemorrhage, and called a doctor and the police. McGrath had slashed his throat with a razor, severing the windpipe. He died in the City Hospital.

N. H. Says Engines are O. K. New Haven.—It was stated by the chief of the New Haven Railroad Commission made recently to the effect that out of 1,735 locomotives owned by the railroad there were five and forty-three were ordered from service, was a misstatement of fact, and that at no time did such a condition exist with the New Haven Railroad's locomotives. The facts are, it is asserted, that the road owns 1,735 locomotives, of which 1,647 are being used.

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WILL BE REPRESENTED.

Massachusetts to Send 2000 Members of Militia for Inaugural Parade.

Boston—Massachusetts is to be represented in the inaugural parade in Washington next March by more than 2000 members of the militia. So far the regiment of coast artillery reserves and two regiments of infantry—the 5th and 6th—with the battalion and the 28 corps Cadets and troop D of cavalry have begun preparation for the "on to Washington" excursion.

The coast artillery, under Col. Lombard, has closed a contract for the Fall River line steamer Plymouth, and will sail from Fall River for Jersey City the Saturday night previous to March 4. This corps will arrive in Washington on Sunday afternoon and will quarter two battalions in the city armory of the National Rifles, while one battalion has secured quarters near the armory.

The 5th and 6th regiments will go all rail, starting a day after the departure of the artillerymen.

The 28 Cadets will also go by rail. It is likely that other commands of the militia will attend, and military units will not be surprised to see the commonwealth represented by enough troops to make two provisional brigades. Four years ago, in spite of the blizzard that prevailed the night before the great parade, Massachusetts had almost a complete brigade of its own in the inaugural march and made an excellent impression.

MAPLE SUGAR MAKERS MEETING.

Vermont Association To Have Session at Burlington, Jan. 7 and 8.

Burlington, Vt.—The 20th annual meeting of the Vermont Maple Sugar Association will take place at Burlington January 7 and 8, immediately preceding the annual meeting of the Vermont Dairymen's Association.

The association pays annually over \$200 in cash premiums on exhibits of maple sugar and syrup.

Boston City Election, Jan. 14. Boston, Mass.—Boston's next city election will be the quickest in its history. In the first place there is practically no campaigning going on. One or two of the candidates are making a few desultory speeches and are holding small rallies, but the others have not even planned to address any of the voters, save perhaps a day or two before election.

Then, again, there will be the shortest ballot the city has ever seen. There are six candidates for four places. Added to this, there is a large registration of women voters. The registration committee, and the side which has the slight shade of advantage is praying for fair weather on Jan. 14.

Control Lighting System. Boston, Mass.—The Chamber of Commerce, after receiving the vote of the directors, will communicate through its secretary to Mayor Fitzgerald and Commissioner of Public Works Robert M. Johnson a resolution that the best interests of the city will be served by terminating at the earliest possible moment the existing contract with the Electric Street Lighting company for lighting the city's subsidiary streets, and by purchasing, without further delay, the city's electric cable cars, and by enabling the city to control its own lighting system.

Navy Yard Men Get Raise. Boston.—An order issued from the Navy Department readjusts the salaries of a few of the employees of the navy yard at Boston. The order raises the pay of the supervisory force to the Portsmouth, N. H., Boston, Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Mare Island, Cal., navy yards.

An indication of the increases granted is the rate fixed for master shipbuilders at Portsmouth, which is \$126 per day, instead of \$6, the prevailing rate, though there are varying rates of increase in the other lines of employment.

Access to Capitol Dome Restricted. Montpelier, Vt.—The freedom of the dome of the Vermont State Capitol will be restricted in future to personally conducted parties, owing to damage done to the Goddess Ceres by visitors who have been making the statue of many personal adornments including electric lights.

Were Baptists, Not Episcopalians. Providence, R. I.—Two Free Baptist clergymen have been admitted to Episcopal church by ordination. The Rev. Anson E. Howard has been made an Episcopal minister and the Rev. Herbert J. Piper made an Episcopal deacon.

Albans Appears For Lawson. Boston, Mass.—Attorney Homer Albans has entered his appearance in the United States District Court for the district of Massachusetts, where he is W. E. Lawson in the suit instituted by George E. Leander of New York City in an action of contract based, City at Portsmouth, which is an advertising bill of \$22,500 and the value of 3000 shares of Nevada-Utah stock.

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